

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SMSGT JEAN J. HAMILTON

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2020

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Senior Master Sergeant Jean J. "JJ" Hamilton who passed away on May 10, 2020. Jean enlisted into the Air Force in 1960 and remained for twenty-eight years, dedicating his career to serving our country.

While in the Air Force, Jean was a flight attendant with the Presidential Fleet, serving five Presidents, many dignitaries, and Heads of State. As a Noncommissioned Officer in charge of the VC-137 and VC-135 Flight Attendants of the Presidential support program and as a Flight Examiner, Jean was responsible for over 100 Flight Attendants operating both Air Force One and Air Force Two. Additionally, Jean served in the U.S. State Department as Special Assistant to Secretary James A. Baker in the George H.W. Bush Administration.

Throughout his service, Jean attended the NCO Leadership School, NCO Academy, and the Senior NCO Academy to further his military career. Due to his hard work, leadership, and dedication, Jean received numerous awards while in the Air Force. Jean was honorably discharged on August 1, 1988.

Aside from his military service, Jean was a true family man who dearly loved his wife Mea, children Orlando and Yvonne, and all of his family and friends. He also loved to serve others and was a faithful member to Pastor John A. Cherry, at From the Heart Ministries. Jean served as a chef for the Christian school and was on the Ministry of Helps Committee.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 16th District of Illinois, I want to express my condolences, but encourage family, friends, and the community to celebrate the life of Jean Hamilton and his service to this great nation.

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF
WAYNESBORO

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Rotary Club of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania for its century of service. Chartered on April 22, 1920, the club has marked 100 years of dedication to the Waynesboro community.

During its many years of service, the Rotary Club of Waynesboro has been instrumental in a number of important community achievements, including the organization of a summer youth baseball organization later known as Waynesboro Little League, the initiation of a dental education program in Waynesboro Schools, and the introduction of a community-wide Easter Seals program, among many additional accomplishments. Its long record of service has left a profound legacy in Waynesboro and Franklin County.

On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I thank the members of the Rotary Club

of Waynesboro for their tireless commitment and hard work to continue the legacy of this outstanding organization. As the club celebrates its 100th anniversary, I look forward to its many years of service to come and wish these Pennsylvanians every continued success.

RECOGNIZING CRAFT SPIRITS
WEEK 2020

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2020

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today during Craft Spirits Week to show my support for the more than 2,000 craft distilleries across the United States that support our vibrant tourism and hospitality industries, countless jobs, local farmers and manufacturers, and the larger economy. Vermont is home to a few of these companies and they are a wonderful addition to our vibrant tourism economy.

Recent events surrounding COVID-19 have put an unprecedented burden on our craft distillers. According to a survey conducted by the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States and American Distilling Institute, approximately 43 percent of distillery employees have been let go or furloughed since the start of the COVID-19 crisis, bringing the average number of a respondent's employees from 14 down to 8. On average, distilleries reported a 64 percent sales decline. Two-thirds of respondents did not believe they will be able to sustain their businesses for more than 6 months, while almost half did not anticipate being able to sustain their businesses for more than 3 months.

Many were forced to close their doors to the public, but instead of closing shop entirely, craft distillers in every single state altered their business plans to help address the nationwide shortage of hand sanitizer. In the greatest time of need, craft distillers showed up for their fellow Americans without hesitation with many even donating their products to first responders. In Vermont, our distilleries pivoted quickly when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and even provided sanitizer to businesses and domestic violence shelters.

The economic hardships caused by this pandemic have been immediate and will last well beyond the end of COVID. The losses they have suffered over the last couple of months can never be fully recouped. That is why we need to come together to support these local businesses.

These businesses don't operate in a vacuum, but in an ecosystem that support dozens of other businesses. The livelihoods of farmers, glass bottle makers, truck drivers, warehouse workers, and countless others connected to the hospitality and tourism industries are also compromised by the challenges confronting the distilled spirits industry. With distilleries located in every state in the nation, this should cause great concern for each member of Congress.

I urge all my colleagues to take time to visit with and talk to the distillers in their districts to show their support for these small businesses during Craft Spirits Week. Distillers, like other businesses, need our support during this time. I look forward to working with my colleagues

as well to support distillers and those in the hospitality sector who have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

IN MEMORY OF MR. ANDRE MOSES
WHITE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an accomplished businessman, athlete, artist, and dear friend of longstanding—Mr. Andre Moses White. Sadly, Mr. White passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, from complications with COVID-19. A memorial service honoring his life was held on Saturday, June 20, 2020, at 11:00 am at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park, Georgia.

Andre Moses White (affectionately known as "Moses" to his family, friends, and colleagues) was born in Winter Park, Florida, to the union of the late Moses and Lucille White. He was born on October 7, 1944, and was the youngest of three sons.

He attended Middleton High School in Tampa, Florida, and Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, Florida. After graduating high school, he attended Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU), where he received a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and played as a Tight End under FAMU's legendary coach, Jake Gaither.

Upon graduation, Moses was drafted by the Denver Broncos, thus beginning his career in the National Football League, where he also played for the San Diego Chargers and was one of the first African Americans to sign with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Following a career-ending injury, he returned to Tampa, Florida, and became the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Officer for Hillsborough County, where he is most well-known for fighting to remove the confederate flag from the county seal—a feat that was finally accomplished in 2015.

Moses continued his father's legacy in food and music by overseeing the family's historic restaurant, Moses White's Cozy Corner BBQ restaurant, and by working in the entertainment industry alongside icons such as Marvin Gaye and James Brown. Later on, at the age of 71, Moses went on to release two digital singles titled "We're Americans" and "My Man" under the name "Moses White."

After moving to Atlanta in 1988, he and his son, Andre, started The Georgia Sentinel, a progressive news outlet for Atlanta's African American community. While laying his foundation there, he served as the President of the Auburn Avenue Merchants Association, where he re-established the Auburn Avenue Festival (a pre-cursor to Music Midtown), which hosted the return of James Brown and the Famous Flames for a free reunion concert for the community.

Moses cared about his community and was always engaged in organizations that did positive work. His most notable roles were as the Founder and President of the Moses White Foundation, which strives to improve the quality of life for the underprivileged in Tampa through education, community revitalization,

and individual empowerment; as a Board Member of Wayfield Foods, where he played Wayfield's Santa Clause for nearly 30 years and brought joy to thousands of inner-city kids and their families during the holidays; and as a cherished member of the National Grocers Association, which is in the process of developing a scholarship fund in his name to benefit young African-Americans seeking a career in food retail.

Maya Angelou once said, "A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies." Andre Moses White is undoubtedly great because of his distinguished service to his community, devotion to his craft, and the compassion he showed for his friends and loved ones.

Moses accomplished much in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the Grace of God; the love and support of his late wife, Joyce; his children, Andre, Andrea, Richard, and Raulniña; and a host of family, friends, and loved ones who will miss him deeply.

On a personal note, I will always cherish the friendship my wife and I shared with Moses and Joyce. They were both very special people and we enjoyed every opportunity we had to fellowship together. The kindness of their spirits truly revealed the timbre of their character.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in paying tribute to Mr. Andre Moses White and in extending our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement. Moreover, we pray that we will all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

2020 RBC HERITAGE PRESENTED
BY BOEING TOURNAMENT

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Sunday Webb Simpson stunned the golf world with birdies on five of his last seven holes at the 2020 RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing Tournament on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, edging Abraham Ancer by one stroke.

Played over the Harbour Town Golf Links since 1969 the event is celebrating its 52nd year envisioned by the late Charles Fraser for Sea Pines. The inaugural champion was Arnold Palmer. It created a platform of celebration and a marketing tool to introduce Hilton Head Island (the second largest island after Long Island on the Atlantic) to the world, named the No. 1 Island in the United States by Travel and Leisure Magazine.

With an economic impact of over \$102 million now annually, the Heritage Classic Foundation with J. Simon Fraser as Chairman and Cary Corbitt as 2020 Tournament Chairman; has since 1987, distributed \$44.6 million to persons in need throughout South Carolina and Georgia for charitable organizations, the arts, medical institutions, and for college scholarships.

The Island Packet with Stephen Fastenau provided proactive coverage with a photo of PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan talking with Heritage Classic Foundation President Steve Wilmot, Hilton Head Assistant Town Manager Josh Gruber, Town Manager Steve Riley, and Mayor John McCann at the Harbour Town Golf Links. The RBC Heritage is broadcast in 23 languages to 226 countries outside the United States. More than 1 billion households across the world could see the Harbour Town's famous candy cane striped lighthouse.

The Tournament is traditionally kicked off with a procession from the Lighthouse at the Marina led by bagpipers from The Citadel of Charleston. The first stroke is by the prior year's winner using an antique club from the Course of St. Andrews which had been provided by the First Secretary of Scotland (Prime Minister) Alex Salmond during a presentation ceremony at the U.S. Capitol steps coordinated by Congressman JOE WILSON (R-SC) who was gratefully wearing the Heritage Tartan plaid blazer.

A highlight of the Tournament is a Saturday flyover of a Boeing 787 Dreamliner or Dreamlifter over the famed eighteenth fairway. The world-class jetliner is manufactured at the Boeing facilities in Charleston which was toured last month by Boeing President David Calhoun who provided three cargo shipments of personal protective equipment to Governor Henry McMaster and Medical University of South Carolina President David Cole to combat the virus pandemic.

The Tournament is in recognition of the first golf course in the New World established in the Province of South Carolina by immigrants from Scotland.

TRISOMY 13 AWARENESS

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2020

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD my constituent, Belle Lunders proclamation on Trisomy 13 awareness.

I thank Belle Lunders for sharing the significance of Trisomy 13 awareness.

Trisomy 13 is a chromosomal disorder where the 13th pair of chromosomes have an extra copy creating three chromosomes. Trisomy 13 is the least common and most severe of the feasible autosomal trisomies. Median survival is fewer than three days. It affects one in every 8,000 to 12,000 live births. Babies born with Trisomy 13 can have many health problems and more than 80 percent don't survive more than a few weeks. Between 86 percent and 91 percent of live births do not live past their first year. Survival beyond the first year is associated with mosaicism. There is no cure for Trisomy 13 but different treatments depend on the symptoms. In most cases surgery and therapy are the best options. Prenatal testing and ultrasound can confirm a Trisomy 13 diagnosis through amniocentesis.

CELEBRATING AIMEE STEPHENS

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of the incredible Aimee Stephens, who passed away on May 12 at the age of 59.

Aimee was born on December 7, 1960, in Fayetteville, N.C. She graduated from Mars Hill University in 1984 with a degree in religious education and obtained a degree in mortuary science from Fayetteville Technical Community College in 1988.

In 2013, she was fired from her job as a funeral director in suburban Detroit after she announced that she would begin living as a woman. After filing a complaint against her employer with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Aimee's case began its long journey through the United States court system. In April of 2019, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case on the question of whether the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects transgender people from workplace discrimination.

On June 15, 2020, shortly after Aimee's passing, the Court ruled that the Civil Rights Act protects gay, lesbian, and transgender employees from discrimination based on sex. The ruling was 6-3, with Justice Neil Gorsuch writing the majority opinion.

Aimee's story is one of courage and fortitude. We owe her immense gratitude for her bravery in standing up for the equal rights of the L.G.B.T.Q. community nationwide. Her sacrifice in the name of progress and inclusion will not be forgotten; she will be remembered for her enduring hope.

Aimee spent her final days at her home in Redford Township, Michigan, of Congresswoman TLAI's District. She is survived by her wife, Donna, and their daughter, Elizabeth.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the remarkable life of Aimee Stephens: a hero in the fight for equal rights in America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JACK
ALEXANDER THOMPSON OF
MONTGOMERY, AL

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2020

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Jack Alexander Thompson from Montgomery, Alabama. Jack Thompson passed away on Sunday after a full life of eighty-eight years. He was an upstanding citizen of our state and a respected member of the Montgomery community.

Jack Thompson was an Alabamian through and through, as he was born in Colbert County in 1932 and remained in the state his entire life. After graduating from Colbert County High School, Jack Thompson married his sweetheart, Ruth Hester, at the age of twenty. Jack and Ruth were married for sixty-seven years and raised four wonderful children, which led to the additional joy of having grandchildren